

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS
COMPANY for authority to update its gas
revenue requirement and base rates.
(U 904 G)

Application 02-12-027
(Filed December 20, 2002)

Application of SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC
COMPANY for authority to update its gas and
electric revenue requirement and base rates.
(U 902-M)

Application 02-12-028
(Filed December 20, 2002)

Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion
into the Rates, Operations, Practices, Service and
Facilities of Southern California Gas Company
and San Diego Gas & Electric Company.

Investigation 03-03-016
(Filed March 13, 2003)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
MODIFYING A PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
FOR PHASE 2 ON INCENTIVES AND ATTRITION**

Background

A ruling was issued on December 18, 2003, in Application (A.) 02-12-027 and A.02-12-028 that advised parties of the scope of issues to be addressed and the Administrative Law Judge's (ALJ) preferred schedule to apply to Phase 2. On January 7, 2004, Motions requesting schedule modifications were filed by Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas) and San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) and by the Office of Ratepayer Advocates (ORA) on January 9, 2004. ORA also responded to SoCalGas and SDG&E's Motion. The

parties and ALJ prior to this ruling conducted a teleconference call on January 13, 2004 to allow informal comments.

Schedule Modifications and Other Clarifications

The schedule shown below is modified to allow parties a reasonable time to prepare their positions. SoCalGas and SDG&E are now required to file the up-date to all testimony no later than February 6, 2004. All other dates are adjusted as shown below and evidentiary hearings will be conducted on June 1 through June 11, 2004.

ORA and others expressed concern over the inclusion of a cut-off date for discovery. Parties are put on notice that discovery will be limited and all requests should be submitted as soon as possible and in accordance with the discovery deadlines specified in this ruling. This ruling preserves a last-day for initiating discovery with this further clarification: the last opportunity for ORA and all other intervenors to initially request information on any topic intended to be used in this phase is no later than March 12, 2004. Parties are expected to make follow-up requests promptly with specific questions to clarify Applicants' initial responses.

ORA may serve an up-date one-time as a result of the last discovery responses. All discovery responses should be submitted by April 2, 2004. Other interested parties should not need to up-date as a result of discovery responses. The hearings are not to be used to conduct factual discovery.

The Prehearing Conference (PHC) is rescheduled too and it is intended to address order of witnesses, stipulations, and all other matters to facilitate the hearings.

Action	Original Date	Modified Date
Sempra Recorded Data Up-date	January 16, 2004	February 6, 2004
Prehearing Conference No. 4	February 3, 2004	-
Last Day for Initial Discovery	February 13	March 12
Last Day for Discovery Responses	February 27	April 2
ORA Serves Testimony	March 12	April 2
Intervenors Serve Testimony	March 26	April 16
ORA Discovery Up-dated Exhibits	-	April 16
Last Rebuttal Discovery Request	April 2	April 23
Last Rebuttal Discovery Response	April 9	April 30
Serve Rebuttal Testimony	April 23	May 14
Rescheduled PHC-4		May 25
Evidentiary Hearings	May 10—May 21	June 1—June 11
Opening Briefs	June 11	July 2
Reply Briefs	June 25	July 16
Mail Draft Decision (target)	August 27	September 10
Comments		One month

IT IS RULED that:

1. The schedule for Phase 2 is modified as shown in this ruling. The fourth Prehearing Conference is rescheduled to Tuesday, May 25, 2004, at 10 a.m., in the Commission Courtroom, State Office Building, 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, California. Evidentiary hearings are rescheduled to June 1 through June 11, 2004, at 9:30 a.m., also in San Francisco.

2. Parties shall pre-number the exhibits using the next in-order pre-assigned numbers from Phase 1.

3. All parties should also provide to the assigned Administrative Law Judge two hard copies of any documents served in accordance with this ruling

within two business days, in addition to electronic service under the electronic service protocols adopted for this proceeding. One additional copy should be provided to the Energy Division.

4. Parties who have electronic mail addresses on file with the Commission will not be served a hard copy of this ruling, consistent with the electronic service protocols adopted for this proceeding; all parties without an electronic mail addresses will be served a hard copy via U.S. mail.

Dated January 15, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DOUGLAS M. LONG

Douglas M. Long
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served a true copy of the original attached Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Modifying a Procedural Schedule for Phase 2 on Incentives and Attrition on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record. Under the electronic service protocols adopted for this proceeding, all parties with an electronic mail address will be served via electronic mail only; all parties without an electronic mail address will be served a hard copy via U.S. mail.

Dated January 15, 2004, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KE HUANG

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(415) 703-2074, TTY 1-866-836-7825 or (415) 703-5282 at least three working days in advance of the event.